

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Big Rapids 49307



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Ferris State University provides practical applied education to produce graduates who are immediately employable in their chosen fields. The University offers more than 170 academic programs through its Colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, Pharmacy, Technology, the Michigan College of Optometry, Kendall College of Art and Design, and the College of Technological and Professional Studies.

Ferris offers **doctorates in optometry and pharmacy**, and master's degrees in computer information systems management, career and technical education, criminal justice, business administration, nursing, curriculum, and instruction. Baccalaureate degrees are offered in allied health, business, teacher education, and a variety of specialized technical fields. Technical 2-year programs produce well-trained graduates in health care, science, industrial specialties, and engineering-related technician posts. In addition, 2-year general education and preprofessional courses qualify students for continued study at Ferris or elsewhere.

University College offers programs including Honors, Career Exploration, and Collegiate Skills and Directed Studies. Services are provided through Educational and Career Counseling, an Academic Support Center, a Special-Needs Counselor, Structured Learning Assistance and Freshmen Seminars.

The **campus** is located on the southern edge of Big Rapids, a city of approximately 12,000. The physical plant of more than 90 buildings includes only one structure that predates a 1950 fire that destroyed the former buildings. Approximately 8,900 students attend classes on the university's 880-acre campus; another 2,100 attend classes at off-campus sites. The new **Ferris State University Library for Information, Technology and Education (FLITE)** provides students with state-of-the-art information technology, as well as all the resources of a more traditional library. In 1998, Ferris opened the National Elastomer Center for Plastics and Rubber Technology. Other recently completed construction includes a new sports stadium, an extensively renovated Student Recreation Center, and a new Professional Golf Management Learning Center.

The **Applied Technology Center** in Grand Rapids, a decade-old joint venture with Grand Rapids Community College, houses undergraduate programs and extensive business and community-based training. The ATC is part of FSU-Grand Rapids, a "3-in-1" downtown campus with classes at the ATC, University Center and Kendall College of Art and Design, which merged with the University January 1, 2001.

Ferris is named for its founder, **Woodbridge N. Ferris** (1853-1928), a distinguished Michigan politician and educator, who served two terms as the state's governor and was elected to the United States Senate. Started in 1884 as the Big Rapids Industrial School, the name was soon changed to Ferris Industrial School and then, in 1899, to Ferris Institute. The school's name was changed to Ferris State College in 1963, and to Ferris State University in 1987. W.N. Ferris operated the school as a privately owned institution. In 1931, a group of Big Rapids businessmen assumed operation as a nonprofit corporation until 1949 when the school was given to the State of Michigan. Ferris Institute became a state institution on July 1, 1950.

<i>Credit Enrollment (fall head count)</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
On-campus	8,908	10,280	10,211
Off-campus	2,166	11,822	11,803

STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

<i>Operating Revenues (all funds)</i>	<i>2002-2003</i>	<i>2003-2004</i>
State Appropriations — Operating	\$ 53,577,031	\$ 47,829,980
State Appropriations — Capital Projects	9,461,406	4,596,370
Student Fees	56,720,120	67,053,103
Gifts, Grants, and Federal Contracts	20,527,052	20,858,402
Other Income	34,427,149	42,358,091
TOTAL REVENUES	\$174,712,758	\$182,695,946
<i>Operating Expenditures (all funds)</i>		
Instruction and Departmental Research	\$ 62,117,233	\$ 62,655,556
Organized Research/Grant Research	345,895	386,674
Public Service	570,395	333,363
Student Services and Student Aid	20,921,901	21,591,381
Other Expenditures	87,249,416	83,772,711
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$171,204,840	\$168,739,685

Source: Ferris State University, Governmental Relations and General Counsel.